

Remarks:

This response is responsive to the Office Communication mailed on February 15, 2005. In that Communication, the Examiner considered the Amendment document filed on January 19, 2005 as non-compliant because it did not meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Applicant has corrected the amendment by providing each claim with the proper status identifier and has amended the claims to remove the reference numerals. No new matter has been added by way of the foregoing amendments.

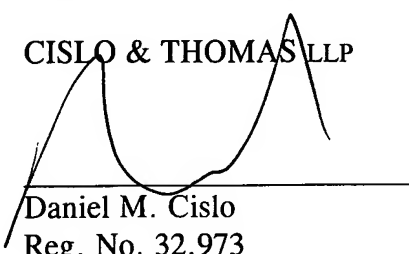
Having responded to each of the Examiner's concerns, Applicants assert that the application is now in condition for allowance and solicits such action. If a telephone interview will advance the allowance of the application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicants request the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

It is not believed that any fees are due; however, in the event any fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' attorney's deposit account no. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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